

December 29, 2014

Spring Conference Save-the-Date

Our Spring Conference will be held April 7 & 8, 2015 in Helena at the Wingate Hotel. The agenda is still being developed, but we anticipate having a full day on Tuesday the 7th and wrapping up mid-afternoon on Wednesday the 8th. The state rate at the hotel will be available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night for those who will need to travel further distances.

You may book your room anytime between now and March 15, 2015 by calling 406-449-3000 or emailing Tiffanie Zavarelli at Agm@winwingatehelena.com, identify yourself as being with "The Montana WIC Program." The state will reimburse costs for two staff members from each local agency (required attendance); however, we encourage more participation where possible. There will be content and training related specifically to retailer activities, so it is highly encouraged to send your LARC. Stay tuned for more details.

New Year Time Studies

January is a quarterly WIC time study month. Please start recording WIC time spent beginning with the first day in January that you work and continue until the end of the month. Please do not wait until the end of the month to try and recall what happened that second Tuesday of the month... If you have any problems, please call the HelpDesk at 444-2740 or mailto: blahr@mt.gov.

Local Agency Conference Call Agenda

Please review the <u>draft agenda</u> for the upcoming Local Agency Conference Call on Thursday, January 8th, 2015.

November 2014 Reports Available

Breastfeeding & Peer Counselor Report
Participation Report

Upcoming State Office Holidays

The Montana WIC State Office will be closed this Thursday, on New Year's Day and on Monday, January 19th in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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